

Official Army Register, for 1853. Published by order of the Secretary of War. Washington, 1853.—*From Major Hartman Bache.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XI. No. 122. Feb. 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, to the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia; Jan. 28, 1853. 8vo.—*From F. Fraley, Esq.*

The Astronomical Journal, No. 53. Feb. 11, 1853. Cambridge. 4to.—*From Dr. B. A. Gould, jr., Editor.*

Mr. Trego announced the death of Mr. William Peter, a member of this Society, who died on the 6th inst., in the 64th year of his age:—And, on motion, Mr. Job R. Tyson was appointed to prepare an obituary notice of Mr. Peter.

The Society then proceeded to the stated business of the meeting, which was the consideration of the amendments proposed to the Laws of the Society,—the requisite notice to this effect having been given in the advertisements of the meeting.

A paper was read from the President of the Society, proposing amendments to the amendments.

A motion was made that the amendments be recommitted to the committee, which was not agreed to.

A motion was then made, that the further consideration of the subject be postponed to the next stated meeting of the Society, and that due notice to that effect be given by advertisement,—which motion was agreed to.

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*Stated Meeting, March 4.*

Present, thirteen members.

DR. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, 2d Oct. 1852, accompanying a donation to this Society, and acknowledging the receipt of several numbers of the Proceedings:—

From the Royal Geographical Society of London, dated Waterloo Place, Oct. 14, 1852, returning thanks for No. 47 of the Proceedings: and—

From the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated Feb. 16, 1853, acknowledging the receipt of No. 48 of the Proceedings of this Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Flora Batava, of Afbeelding en Beschrijving van Nederlandsche Gewassen. Afl. 168–172, inclusive. Amsterdam. 4to.—*From the King of the Netherlands.*

Annales des Mines. V. Série. Tome I. 3 livr. de 1852. Paris. 8vo.—*From the Engineers of l'Ecole des Mines.*

Quarterly Journal of the Chemical Society. No. XX. Jan. 1, 1853. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, to the Senate and House of Representatives, showing the operations, expenditures and condition of the Institution during the year 1851; and the Proceedings of the Board of Regents, up to date. Washington, 1852. 8vo.—*From the Institution.*

Smithsonian Report:—On Recent Improvements in the Chemical Arts. By Prof. James C. Booth and Campbell Morfit. Washington, 1852. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Report on the Discipline and Management of the Convict Prisons, and Disposal of Convicts, 1851; with Notes on the Construction of Prisons, Treatment and Disposal of Juvenile Offenders, &c. &c. By Lieut. Col. Jebb, C. B. Surveyor General of Prisons, Chairman of the Directors, &c. London, 1852. 8vo.—*From Hon. J. R. Ingersoll.*

Information concerning the History, Condition and Prospects of the Indian Tribes of the United States: collected and prepared under the direction of the Bureau of Indian affairs. By Henry R. Schoolcraft, LL.D. Illustrated by S. Eastman, Capt. U. S. Army. Published by authority of Congress. Part III. Philadelphia, 1853. 4to.—*From Luke Lea, Esq. Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

Eighteenth Annual Report of the Board of Directors of the Young

Men's Mercantile Library Association, of Cincinnati: Jan. 4, 1853. Cincinnati. 8vo.—*From the Association.*

Report of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, for the year 1852.

By Thomas S. Kirkbride, M.D. Physician to the Institution. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

A Sermon preached to the Congregation at the Essex street Church, Oct. 31, 1852, the Sabbath after the interment of the Hon. Daniel Webster. By Nehemiah Adams, D.D. Pastor of the Essex street Church, Boston. 2d Edition. Boston. 8vo.—*From Geo. C. Rand.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XV. No. 44. March, 1853. New Haven. 8vo.—*From Prof. Silliman & Dana, Editors.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. VI. No. 2. Feb. 1853. New York and Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From F. G. Skinner, Editor.*

Mr. Trego announced the decease of Mr. Thomas Gilpin, a member of this Society, who died on the 3d inst. aged 77.

The Society then proceeded to the stated business of the meeting,—the further consideration of the proposed amendments to the Laws of the Society. The amendments, as reported from the committee of the whole, were read, and further amended,—and the amendments ordered to be reported to the next meeting of the Society, for further action,—of which due notice is to be given to the members.

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*Stated Meeting, March 18.*

Present, thirty-one members.

DR. FRANKLIN BACHE, President, in the Chair.

Dr. John Neill and Dr. John J. Reese, recently elected members, were presented and took their seats.

A letter was read from the Secretary of l'Ecole des Mines, dated Paris, 17th Nov. 1852, accompanying a donation for the Library of the Society.